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Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions

Madagascar: draft resolution

Assistance to Madagascar following the tropical cyclones

The General Assembly,

Gravely concerned at the extensive damage and the devastation caused by tropical cyclones *Eline* and *Gloria* and the floods which have struck Madagascar,

Noting with concern the destruction of thousands of homes and the damage to major sectors of the national infrastructure as well as the growing needs of hundreds of thousands of victims,

Noting also with concern that these natural disasters have been aggravated by various epidemics which have resulted in the loss of human lives,

Recognizing the efforts of the Government and people of Madagascar to provide relief and emergency assistance to the victims of these disasters,

Noting that the determined efforts of the Government of Madagascar to promote economic growth and development are hindered by this kind of recurring natural disaster,

Aware that, to mitigate and prevent the consequences of this disaster, international assistance is required, both for emergency relief and for rehabilitation and reconstruction of infrastructure,

1. *Expresses its solidarity* with the Government and people of Madagascar;

2. *Notes with satisfaction* the efforts of the Government and people of Madagascar to provide rapid relief to the victims through their own means;

3. *Expresses its gratitude* to the international community, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, for the measures it has taken to support the efforts of the Government of Madagascar to carry out relief operations and provide emergency assistance;

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4. *Requests* States and international organizations to provide additional emergency support to Madagascar with a view to alleviating the economic and financial burden which the people of Madagascar will have to bear during the emergency period and in the subsequent process of rehabilitation;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make all necessary arrangements to continue mobilizing and coordinating humanitarian assistance from the specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system with a view to supporting the efforts of the Government of Madagascar;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, acting in conjunction with the relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system and in close cooperation with the government authorities, to assist the Government of Madagascar in carrying out its rehabilitation efforts;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session in 2000 on the implementation of this resolution.